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Jim:

STAT You had mentioned that the Defense Intelligence College will be running a number of courses that could be helpful to CIA analysts. These courses center on strategic warning and other useful subjects that will, I am sure, serve the broader community effort to train well-rounded intelligence analysts. I have informed my Director of the Office of Training and Education, [redacted] of your suggestion and he enthusiastically supports our participation. He tells me that at the moment we are actively considering sending a DDI analyst to the Defense Intelligence College's six-week military analyst program; further, that we also are pursuing some of the college's other offerings. You can expect that we will take full advantage of your generous offer.

Two of my senior officers have recently participated in a bimonthly meeting sponsored by DIA, that included representatives from much of the Intelligence Community, to discuss the broader subject of community analyst training. I am told that one of the fall-outs of this meeting and other discussions with DIA officers has been a better understanding of what is available in the way of such training. These discussions indicate the need for keeping in better touch with training programs throughout the community. In pursuit of this, a representative of the Agency's Office of Training and Education intends to hold periodic meetings with his counterparts in the community -- an effort that has already been favorably received around town.

You should also know that CIA is proposing a cooperative community analyst training effort to begin in FY 1986. The details have been briefed to DIA training and the Defense Intelligence School, as well as to NSA. There is universal agreement that this is an excellent idea and long overdue. I understand that the Intelligence Producers Council will soon be briefed on this effort. I look forward to its support.

Sincerely,

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